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One of the options to increase revenue is make adjustments in the fees. The legislation introduced should be referred to committee for public hearing, and an A bill probably attached so that adjustment in the Department of Education's budget for these two purposes can be accomplished. It will probably end up a combination of some General Fund money and an increase in fees. Without the bill it would require all General Fund money. I think the State Board of Education had proposed, early in the session, that this should be considered, but the legislation did not get introduced. The introduction of the bill would permit consideration of adjustment in those fees to help solve the appropriation for the Department.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion.

CLERK: This is request number 459.

PRESIDENT: The matter before you is the granting of request number 459, for the introduction of a bill. Record your vote. Record.

CLERK: 34 ayes, 0 nays.

PRESIDENT: The request is granted. The bill shall be introduced.

CLERK: Motion on the desk. I move to introduce the attached bill, request number 660. Signed, Senator Warner.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, this is again legislation that should be sent to the appropriate committee for public hearing. The state constitutional officers--including the State Auditor, State Treasurer, Secretary of State, I believe the Lieutenant Governor is in there, and the Attorney General. It is an adjustment for the salaries that they...to be increased commencing with the term that will start in 1980. The last adjustment was in 1970, as indicated by the summary of the bill that has been passed out. If it is not done this year or next year, the next opportunity would be for an adjustment in 1983, which would be some 13 years between the adjustments. The Committee felt that probably the legislation ought to be introduced for the body to consider. It would have no impact on this years appropriations, of course. It would commence with the election of 1978.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. Question of Senator Warner. Are the amounts of the increases in this?

SENATOR WARNER: Excuse me. Thank you Senator Lamb, I meant to indicate that. The current level is 25,000. I think the proposal in the bill, as it was drafted, was to go to 32,000 for those officers receiving 25. In the case of the Attorney General, I believe, it's 32,050 to 33,000, it goes to 39 I believe. As you recall the Governor's was increased by an amendment on the floor. Well you wouldn't, you weren't here. Last year it was increased from 25 to 40,000, commencing in 1979. Salaries cannot be adjusted for constitutional officers